

## OPPOSE SALES TAX FOR BONUS

G. O. P. Leaders in House Say Fund Must Be Raised Some Other Way.

By WINDER H. HARRIS.

Universal Service.

Elimination of the proposed sales tax and substitution of another method of raising the bulk of the revenue for soldier aid was definitely determined upon today by the Republican leaders in the House.

This decision was inevitable as the result of the strength shown by the insurgents, led by Congressman Johnson of South Dakota, at Friday night's caucus. It was apparent that the party leaders realized they were beaten when they forced an adjournment of the caucus. Mr. Johnson declared there would have been a majority of fifteen against the sales tax if the question had been allowed to come to a vote.

The decision of the leaders to eliminate the sales tax was announced by Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, which framed the bonus bill, just before his departure for his home in Michigan. Mr. Fordney will return within about a week, when, he said, the committee will meet to consider the bill and eliminate the sales tax provisions.

Some other form of taxation will be substituted, the chairman declared, but he was not prepared to say what it would be. He was emphatic, however, in the assertion that the bill would be redrafted in time for passage at this session of Congress.

Another change in the bill, which appeared to be certain, was the elimination of the Mondell-Lane land settlement section. This part of the legislation was vigorously attacked in the caucus as containing "a nigger in the woodpile," which would permit civilians instead of soldiers, to get possession of the lands proposed to be reclaimed.

Indications are that the scheme of Representative Morgan, of Oklahoma, for home and farm aid will be substituted for the land settlement plan. Mr. Morgan stated he has assurances from a large number of Republicans that they will support his scheme, and some of the Democratic leaders declared the minority will solidly support it.

As the land settlement idea is Mr. Mondell's own pet child and he is a fairly leading figure in the struggle, it is certain to result from the effort to eliminate it.

**Still Want Profiteers Taxed.**

Overtures with the insurgents and Democrats looking toward a compromise on substitute plan for the sales tax will be made before the Ways and Means Committee begins reconvening on the bill. Leaders of the insurgents and Democrats both declared, though, that they will stand firm for their plan of taxing war profiteers.

"I can't avoid the issue of taxing war profits now," said Congressman Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, acting leader of the Democrats on the committee.

Congressman Johnson declared the insurgents like as would insist upon adoption of the war profits tax. He charged in the House that any effort to pass the bonus bill without an opportunity to consider this plan would be a resort to gag rule.

The tentative plan is to call the next Republican caucus for Friday night, May 11, and bring up the bill in the House on Monday, May 17. This plan contemplates an agreement with the insurgents and Democrats which will permit the carrying out of the original scheme to pass the measure under suspension of the rules, which would prohibit amendments.

**Pell Against Entire Bill.**

Congressman Johnson stated in his speech that if the insurgents are given a plan that they can accept, he and Congressman Schell of Minnesota will withdraw their opposition to the special rules. Both members are on the Rules Committee, and as long as they stand with the Democrats the committee is divided, 6 to 6.

Congressman Pell, Democrat, of New York, declared in the House that he intends to vote against the entire bonus bill.

"I am doing this in full realization that it means the end of my political career, and I can tell you frankly that it is a painful thing to commit suicide, but I do not think that honor will permit me to follow any other course."

The proposed sales tax, Mr. Pell declared, "of course would wreck the financial district of New York, and with it the hope of commercial preeminence of the world."

## 100 G. O. P. CONVENTION SEATS TO BE CONTESTED

Majority of Chairs in Question Are in Southern States—Presidential Campaign Managers Worried.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Approximately one hundred of the 984 seats in the Republican National Convention are sure to be contested to reports among G. O. P. chieftains here today and the matter is worrying the campaign managers for many of the presidential candidates.

All but a few of the seats in question, according to the reports are in Southern States. During the last few days, it was pointed out, negro Republicans in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama declared their intention of sending contesting delegations to the convention. Georgia has elected two contesting delegations, and Mississippi has announced that it will do likewise. There may be contests from Texas and Alabama.

In the north the delegates contested are six in Arizona; four in Minnesota and four in Oklahoma.

## SLAP AT SPOUL IS SEEN IN KNOX BOOM

Penrose Trying to Head Off Governor as Possible "Dark Horse," Wiseacres Believe.

Political discussion at the Capitol yesterday buzzed with animation over the Knox boom launched by Senator Penrose, recognized as the leader of the contingent known as the "Old Guard."

Wiseacres professed to see in the boom a move by Penrose to head off Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, whose supporters would place him in a strategic position to win Pennsylvania's delegation at the Chicago convention as a "favorite son" candidate and then to keep him lined up as a dark horse.

The story from Philadelphia a few days ago that Senator Penrose was ill and not likely to be in active charge of the Old Guard delegates at Chicago added to the rising hopes of the Sproul men. Just when they were beginning to feel that things were breaking good for them, Penrose, G. O. P. hero of the Keystone State, issued his Knox proposal and suddenly headed off Sproul's chances.

Politicians here point out that Knox now will surely have the Pennsylvania delegation on the first few ballots or at least until the Old Guard had time to make its deal for a compromise candidate. They point out that Senator Knox, who will be sixty-seven years old tomorrow, is eliminated on account of age.

Then, too, it is rumored that Penrose in bringing forward Knox at this time hopes to wean from General Wood considerable portion of the Pennsylvania delegation on the first few ballots or at least until the Old Guard had time to make its deal for a compromise candidate. They point out that Senator Knox, who will be sixty-seven years old tomorrow, is eliminated on account of age.

There are many Republican leaders who entertain hope that the Californian could be persuaded to accept the nomination for Vice President with Knox leading the ticket in the event the deadlock at Chicago becomes hopeless for some other candidate. Johnson men ridiculed the idea of a deal whereby Johnson would accept second place on the ticket with any of the candidates thus far in the field. Johnson and Knox stood together in their fight on the peace treaty.

From Philadelphia comes the news that Knox candidacy caused a profound stir there. And despite the fact that Governor Sproul lost little time in endorsing the junior Senator from Pennsylvania it is common gossip that his friends regard Penrose's move as a direct slap at the Governor.

## DANIEL MILLER GOES TO M. BROOKS & CO.

Of wide interest in local business circles is the announcement that Daniel O. Miller, for the past twenty-three years with Lansburgh & Bro., will tomorrow assume the management of the firm.

Mr. Miller began work with Lansburgh's as a salesman in the upholstery department. His work early attracted attention and he was rapidly advanced from one position to another until fifteen years ago when he was given charge of the advertising department. He held this position for twelve years before he became floor and sales manager of the store.

The best wishes of thousands of friends go with Mr. Miller in his later move.

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## JOHNSON LAUDED BY SENATOR BORAH

Californian's Attitude Toward League Praised in Baltimore Address.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—Senator William R. Borah, of Idaho, addressed a large audience last evening at the Lyric in behalf of the candidacy of Johnson. There is probably no more forceful speaker anywhere than the Idaho Senator, and he always commands attention whatever theme he may discuss. It was thought by his admirers that he would say some hot things, but on the contrary, he studiously avoided any criticism that might either reflect on the opposing candidate or those who are managing his campaign.

His speech was mainly devoted to a eulogy of Senator Johnson, whose work and accomplishments he praised in the warmest terms. He also paid his respects to the proposed League of Nations, which he denounced, declaring that no more infamous doctrine was ever preached in a free country than that written in the covenant.

The speaker was frequently applauded during his address.

"The first task that will confront the incoming President," Senator Borah said, "will be to restore the American republic to the American people and to eliminate all the purely arbitrary measures enacted for carrying out the League doctrine."

Senator Johnson is the only candidate seeking the Republican nomination who has defined his position on the League of Nations so that all may know it. Not one of the seven principles that President Wilson previously demanded should be written into the covenant, appeared in it, as submitted to the Senate. The British got more than one million square miles of new territory under the League of Nations.

"No more infamous doctrine was ever preached in a free country. That is the League which General Wood and I have fought so hard to get people because the people could not understand it."

"They say the league is dead," Senator Borah added, "but don't be misled. It is not dead. It is being reborn in the minds of the people. We would always be glad to extend a hand to a suffering country of Europe, but we want to lend our aid alone."

**Constitution Not Suspended.**

Senator Borah then added: "I have heard it said on the floor of the United States Senate that the Constitution was suspended during the war. The Constitution obtains in war as well as in peace. A republic can only be maintained by the people. You don't need to change it to a monarchy. Enormous taxes cannot be reduced until the Governmental expenses are reduced and unless the Government is reduced to the thousands of members of boards and bureaus infesting Washington, the country will soon see a \$3,500,000,000 Congress. He added:

"I believe Senator Johnson is the man best fitted to take up these tasks. Behind him is his record. He restored California to the people. Johnson stands for and has always stood for the Constitution and its guarantees—free speech, a free press, and the right of peaceable assembly, and all of the other rights guaranteed by that great instrument. He stands for and always stood for just and equal laws to all men in every walk and profession of life—to business and to labor alike."

Go back to his administration in California and test the man of radicalism as applied by his critics. There are the laws which, upon his advice and under his leadership, went upon the statute books. What one of these laws is it now proposed to repeal as unjust or unjust, either to business or to labor?

**Man of Common Sense.**

What did he do as governor that was destructive save to destroy a corrupt and unconscionable machine and restore that magnificent commonwealth to the possession of the people?

Johnson has been aptly described as a man of immense common sense. His policies, in the making, were always subjected to merciless analysis, and to the most rigorous and trying tests as to their practicability. Once adopted they were carried out with the utmost thoroughness and vigor.

On this account, largely, they were sometimes attacked by ultra-reactionaries as radical, but in reality they were merely that sort of prudent progress which is the best protection of our institutions against dangerous radicalism. Johnson's belief in progress through the orderly processes of government has been the guiding principle of his career. He applied this principle so intelligently to the affairs of his State that, before the end of his regime as governor, he had won the respect and confidence of every element in the commonwealth.

**Believes in New Remedies.**

Like Roosevelt, Johnson never hesitated to apply new remedies to new public evils. His public career had its origin in his uncompromising enmity toward grafters, profiteers and political exploiters, and from his assumption of office he was thoroughgoing and successful in his measures to curb and control them. He has an intense veneration for American institutions and for Government by law. The Bolshevik, the I. W. W., and other apostles of violence he regards as national enemies. In California he had won the respect and confidence of every element in the commonwealth.

We have reached a time when the Republican candidate for president must be a man of acknowledged statesmanship. A different type might have been accepted in the old days of political combinations. In these critical days the occasion calls for a man of courage, character, and force—a man of wide sympathies, trusted by labor as well as by capital, but able to withstand excessive demands on the part of either. Such a man is Hiram Johnson.

"Making the best of the worst," The Salvation Army.

## BOTH BIG PARTIES WILL IGNORE RUM

"Drys" Drop Hint of Drastic Move, and Politicians Get "Cold Feet."

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"Wet" were their individual and personal preferences alone taken into consideration. But the great majority of Congressmen, the "dry" argue, have repeatedly voted "dry" because they believe their constituents wish them to vote "dry," and that being the case, the delegates to both conventions at Chicago, as well as at San Francisco, will almost surely follow the same line of reasoning.

Thus, it is pretty generally believed that the "dry" vote will considerably outnumber the "wet" vote at San Francisco, though many of these may be labeled "reluctantly dry." That is, if forced to vote on prohibition, this category would feel constrained to vote "dry," albeit they would much prefer not to vote on the issue at all. All they ask is that the prohibition dog be allowed to slumber on.

It is this vote which the prohibitionists hold as a club over the heads of the "wets." If called upon to choose between a platform not mentioning prohibition in any way, and one pledging the party to carry out the bone-dry amendment with pitiless efficiency, the "wets" are not expected to hesitate long.

It is understood here that the "wets" already stand a little more than half convinced that the prohibition forces can carry out their threat. For the time being, at any rate, their enthusiasm for carrying the battle for booze into the conventions has suffered a chill. To many it is beginning to look as though a pre-convention bargain might be struck to let the issue slumber alone.

## NEWS OF ROCKVILLE AND REST OF COUNTY

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 2.—In the interest of a "work together" movement for the general betterment of the county, a largely attended meeting was held in the Baptist Church at this place. Attending were eleven ministers, a large delegation from the Brotherhood of the Call of Bethesda Church, a number of prominent professional men and representatives of every religious denomination in the county.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. James Kirkpatrick, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church at Bethesda. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. Kirkpatrick, Parke P. Flournoy, and P. Rowland Wagner; Drs. E. C. Schroeder, J. W. Bird, and L. W. Glasbrook and others. Another meeting will be held at Kensington the afternoon of Sunday, May 9.

Walter H. Groomes, a well-known citizen of Sunshine, died suddenly at his home a few days ago, aged fifty-eight years. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Myers, of this county, and four children. The funeral took place from St. John's Episcopal Church, on a burial being in the cemetery adjoining the church. Mr. Groomes was a brother of Thomas C. Groomes, of Rockville.

It is understood that there is little likelihood of a contest at the biennial town election here next Monday, when a mayor and four members of the town council will be chosen to serve four years. Dr. Otis M. Linthicum, for several terms a member of the town council, will stand for mayor, and it is probable that the candidates for the council will be Joseph L. Clagett, of the present board; Washington Hicks, Charles G. Holland and Clifford H. Robertson or Otto H. W. Talbot.

## LABOR FORMS CORPS OF FOUR-MINUTE SPEAKERS

A corps of four-minute speakers organized by the American Federation of Labor will take the field during the coming political campaign in behalf of labor's non-partisan campaign. It was announced last night.

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## Any Woman Under 29 Is Too Charming to Cast Vote, Says Major

LONDON, May 2.—Speaking in the House of Commons against the bill to confer votes on women from the age of twenty-one, Major Archer Shee, gave the following reasons why he "didn't want women to have their nose in politics till they knew what she was about."

"Below twenty-nine years of age, he said, she is: "Captivatingly capricious," "Fascinatingly futile," "Irresistibly irrational," "Ingeniously inexperienced," "Politically pusillanimous," "Wholly and charmingly incomprehensible."

## HEARST URGES CUT IN SIZE OF PAPERS

Publisher Writes Senate Committee That Need for U. S. Action Has Passed.

Blame for the present acute shortage of print paper is entirely with the newspaper publishers, William Randolph Hearst declared yesterday in a letter to Senator Reed, chairman of the Senate subcommittee investigating the print paper situation.

The letter was delivered by special messenger and read into the Record by Senator Reed. The Senator also announced he had received a telegram from Mr. Hearst expressing regret that he had not been able to appear before the committee Friday.

Should the committee desire to hear him, however, he said he would be glad to supplement his letter by personally testifying.

**Not Necessary to Come.**

Sensors McNary and Walsh suggested that while "it would be very interesting to hear Mr. Hearst," he seemed to have covered the situation "very fully," and they did not deem it necessary to put him to the inconvenience of coming to Washington.

Senator Reed, therefore, wired Mr. Hearst that the committee would be glad to hear him at any time he should desire to appear before it, but if it would inconvenience him to come to Washington he should await further advice.

The manufacturers, Mr. Hearst pointed out, are producing more paper than they ever before and are planning to produce still more. He therefore, recommended that one solution of the problem would be co-operation by the publishers to curtail consumption from 20 to 25 per cent.

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This reduction could be accomplished, Mr. Hearst stated, not only without injury to the newspapers, but, in fact, with distinct benefit to the papers and to the publishers themselves.

The practicability of this policy had been proven, he explained, by the success achieved with his own papers, which have been drastically reduced in size and yet have far greater circulation than their competitors.

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But if Congress should see fit to take definite action, he suggested that the average sizes of daily and Sunday papers throughout the country be reduced and be fixed as the limits, under penalty of exclusion from the mails. If further steps were necessary, "reduce all papers proportionately," he added.

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## WILSON'S HEALTH STILL IN DEBATE

Time Near When He Must Prove Ability to Take Part in Campaign.

President Wilson's actual condition of health, the subject of increasing speculation in Washington as the time approaches when he must either demonstrate that he can keep his place as leader of the Democratic party or relinquish it.

Wilson's exact condition is, of course, unknown except to Dr. Grayson and members of his immediate household. The fact that no bulletins are issued and all attaches have adopted policy of saying nothing, keeps the ground fertile for crops of rumors that come up overnight like mushrooms. The delay in Wilson's seeing Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British ambassador, who had been expected he would be given a quick audience, is causing comment and new suggestions.

The public has seen Wilson repeatedly in his motor rides since the weather became more moderate. Members of his Cabinet have seen him several times and testify that his old mental alertness is the same as ever. It is understood, however, that he is already seated at his place at the table when the Cabinet members begin entering the room. Several White House attaches say they have seen him, from a distance, walking to his auto. Fleeting glimpses of him as he rides past in his open touring car seem to indicate that he looks better than when he first came out of absolute seclusion.

While in the White House, the President remains practically all the time in that part of it which is the "home" part, or in his study. His amusements still consist, it is understood, of occasional motion pictures. But he sees his secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, frequently now, and is said to be keeping in close touch with political developments.

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## DUBLIN REFUSES TO PAY INDEMNITY FOR SLAYINGS

DUBLIN, May 2.—Dublin has farmanly refused to pay the \$263,000 levied as compensation for the killing of six persons by the police in recent months.

As a reprisal for this defiance, the castle government is expected to suspend the payment of education grants.

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## WILSON MUST BE NEAR DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

Insists Summer White House Be Located So Nothing Can Be Slipped Over on Him.

President Wilson's insistence upon a summer White House somewhere within close telegraph and telephone range of the Democratic national convention in San Francisco, presumably has complicated the plans for his summer convalescence. It is possible he may remain in Washington until after the nomination is made.

While the secret service disapproval of the Crane estate at Wood's Hole, Mass., undoubtedly figured in the rearrangement of presidential plans, the difficulties presented for maintaining lines of communication was one of the deciding factors in the decision. It was feared that the nomination might be made some day while the President was frantically attempting to get a wire across the continent.

## G. O. P. LINED UP FOR KNOX RESOLUTION

Democrats Filibuster to Prevent Its Passage Predicted By Senator.

Belief that Democratic Senators will attempt to prevent passage of the Knox peace resolution by filibustering was expressed by Republican Senators today. The object would be to protect President Wilson from the embarrassment of having to veto the resolution, and thus be forced into the attitude of again opposing peace.

Canvass of the situation last night indicated that the only opposition from the Republican side of the Knox resolution will be by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who has been pending a resolution to resume commercial relations without declaring peace. Other mild reservationist Republicans indicated they would support the Knox measure. Senator Knox, it was learned, modified his time in that part of it which is the "home" part, or in his study. His amusements still consist, it is understood, of occasional motion pictures. But he sees his secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, frequently now, and is said to be keeping in close touch with political developments.

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## 'DRYS' WILL BATTLE 'WET' CANDIDATES

Prohibition Leaders to Class "Liberals" As Anti-Law-and-Order Men.

"National 'dry' leaders have decided to do battle with the 'wets' so anxious to inject the prohibition issue into the coming campaign and their fight will be to hold up all so-called liberal candidates for President as anti-law and order men."

"It is a question of law and order and nothing else," said Wayne E. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League of America, here today. "Any candidate advocating laxity in enforcement of the eighteenth Amendment places himself against law and order."

"The amendment will not be repealed and candidates will do well to remember that thirty-two States have adopted enforcement laws of their own much more stringent than the Federal prohibition code. Those States have found by experience that a weaker standard of enforcement merely destroyed the prohibition."

"The beer and wine candidates will face an embarrassing situation by advocating an amendment which the States and the courts hold to be null and void. They must remember that every State that has voted on exempting light wines and beers has defeated it by a large majority. Among them are Michigan, Ohio, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Arizona."

"With thirty-seven States having taken this stand it will be political suicide for any candidate or party to expose these laws in that many States on the question of law and order, the 'wet' majority will not be large. When the voters wake up to the fact that a two or three per cent beer amendment means the return of the old beer saloon they will give even larger dry majorities," he concluded.

## CUT IN LEATHER, SHOE PRICES IS ANNOUNCED

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 2.—Substantial reduction in the price of leather and shoes effective at once, was announced by large manufacturers in this territory today.

W. D. Byron & Sons,